

THE CITY OF WHITTIER

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WHITTIER CITY COUNCIL
EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING
THURSDAY, JUNE 4, 2020
5:00 PM
COUNCIL CHAMBERS
PUBLIC SAFETY BUILDING

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Mayor Dave Dickason called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

2. OPENING CEREMONY

Mayor Dave Dickason led the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

A. Council members present and establishing a quorum: Peter Denmark, Debra Hicks, Tom Wagner, Victor Shen, and Dave Dickason

B. Administration Present:

Jim Hunt, City Manager Naelene Matsumiya, City Clerk, Holly Wells, City Attorney

Others present: Alexandra Matsumiya, Cathy McCord, Anne Zink, Joseph McLaughlin, Donna Bean, and Paul Mueller

4. APPROVAL OF THE EMERGENCY SPECIAL MEETING AGENDA

MOTION: Monty Irvin made a motion to approve the Emergency Special Meeting Agenda with

amendments to move New Business item to 4a

SECOND: Debra Hicks DISCUSSION: None

VOTE: Motion passed unanimously

5. ORDINANCES

6. RESOLUTIONS

7. NEW BUSINESS

A. Addressing New COVID-19 Cases (Item was moved to 4a)

Anne Zink and her team with the State gave a summary of the investigation of the COVID-19 cases in Whittier. The State reported that they had met with City Officials as well as Whittier Seafood staff to gather data. They stated that so far, the first person who had tested

positive was no longer within city limits. Council asked questions of what constitutes a campus and where the workers who tested positive were being quarantined. Cathy addressed the concerns. Council asked if residents of the BTI and/or the Manor who work for Whittier Seafood has had contact with those who were quarantine. Holly Wells spoke on the meetings she has had with Administration and the State and clarified concerns with Council from a legal standpoint. Cathy McCord answered questions asked by the State team and asked question for Paul Mueller of the Eastern Aleutian Tribes Clinic as well. Discussion continued for some time.

8. COUNCIL DISCUSSION

Council discussed the following:
Q&A for community to promote a better understanding of COVID-19
Testing protocol clarification
Rapid case increase
Potential Code Orange alert

Council polled for an Emergency Special Meeting for Monday, June 8. Time tentative.

9. CITIZEN'S DISCUSSION

10. COUNCIL AND ADMINISTRATION'S RESPONSE TO CITIZEN'S COMMENTS

11. ADJOURNMENT

All were in favor of adjourning the meeting at 6:28 p.m.

ATTEST:

Naelene Matsumiya

City Clerk

Dave Dickason

Mayor